

REMARKS

Consideration of the above application as preliminarily amended is respectfully requested. The specification has been amended to include the requisite reference to the international application and its priority application. In addition, the claims, which had been amended under Article 34 and which appear as annexes to the International Preliminary Report on Patentability, have been further amended to remove multiple dependencies and to conform them to US practice. No new matter has been added.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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